

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

MUSLIN curtains, figured and ruffled, look well for narrow windows in apartments.

MONTE should not be used frequently in water for anything. It hardens the hair and cracks the skin.

According to a good way to keep the kitchen in good humor is to have the kitchen knives always sharp.

ICED tea acquires a new flavor when served in long, thin glasses with a delicately cut slice of lemon floating on top.

PUT an open box in the cellar with a peck of fresh lime in it; it will absorb the moisture and make it smell fresh and sweet.

ALL embroidered articles, such as tray cloths, bureau scarfs, five o'clock tea cloths, fire board covers and the like, should be washed by themselves.

FLAXSEED lemonade is excellent for a cold. To a pint of water add two small tablespoonfuls of seed, the juice of two lemons and sugar to suit. Ice for drinking.

A LAST year's straw hat can be sponged and cleansed with coffee, afterward pressing with a warm iron, laying the rim on a flat surface and using a pin for the crown.

Bits of toilet soap which are very small may be utilized. Make a bag of Turkish toweling about nine inches square and put in it all the small pieces of soap. When three-quarters filled sew up the end and use the same as if it were a cake of soap.

PAPER torn into small pieces makes a comfortable stuff.

into fourteen equal parts, as in Fig. 1.

Stitch the two pieces together on each side down lines 3, then down lines 4, then stitch together the lines 5 of the

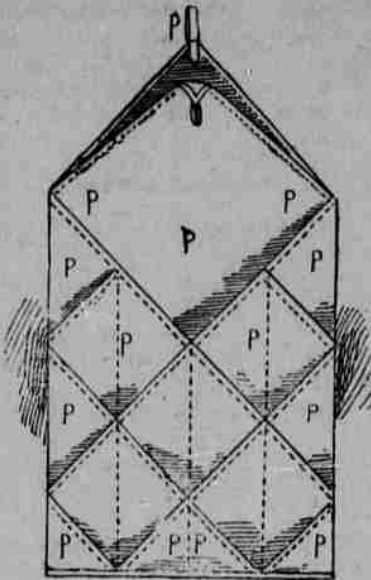


FIG. 2.

upper piece. Next stitch the pieces together on each side down lines 6, stitching lines 7 of the upper piece together as was done at lines 5.

Now fold so that lines 5 and 7 of the upper piece will be over the center line and lines 5 and 7 of the under piece will be at the outer edges of the bag. Turn the two small pieces of each side so that they will meet at the base line over line 6.

HINTS ON REPAIRING.

The Beauty of a Stitch in Time as Applied to Household Goods.

"The secret of seldom wanting new things is to keep the old ones well mended," said a thrifty housekeeper as she showed me a shelf where she kept what she called "patches."

There were little cans of different kinds of paint and enamel, different sized paint brushes, a box of liquid gilt, some good glue and remnants of all the different wall papers.

The kitchen hearth was never allowed to get shabby, but once a month was treated to a coat of dull Pompeian red paint.

When the gas fixtures grew disreputable from being tarnished with age and mottled with flies they were given a coat of common white paint and then regilded.

Picture frames whose enamel had yellowed received a new coat. The gilding was retouched, and the result was a new frame. Old wooden frames were enameled and picked out with gilt or stained mahogany and varnished.

The handsome Chinese umbrella rack was broken, but not on that account discarded, says a writer in the New York Recorder. It was mended with cement with the greatest care and the ugly lines hidden with a brush dipped in liquid gilt and passed along the zig-zag cracks, really enriching the quaint oriental pattern.

Many a costly vase might be mended by the same method.

THE ELECTRICIANS.

The news of London now received by long distance telephone.

THE result of the Darby race was received by the United Press from the office of the Direct United States Cable company just one second after it was filed in London.

THE Paris underground railway, it is said, will run from the extreme western part of Paris to the extreme eastern part, and will be carried in an iron tunnel twenty feet in diameter.

It is reported that the Canadian Pacific railway proposes to use electricity for moving its trains over the Rocky Mountain division of the line. The method is to be tried first at Kicking Horse pass, where there is ample water power.

THE General Electric Launch company is said to be building on Morris Heights, on the Harlem river, N. Y., an electric launch for Congressman Sorg of Ohio. The launch is to be forty-six feet over all, carrying two motors, twin screws and one hundred and forty-four cells of the Consolidated Electric Storage company's battery, and will have a speed of twelve miles an hour.

vegetables. An... become profitable during the last years is taking from the land and in the stores of phosphate rock. The business gives employment to many in the immediate vicinity. About one hundred and sixty tons of this rock are taken out and washed preparatory to treatment every year. The rice plantations claim much of the tillable soil, and their product may be called one of the two leading staples. The other is cotton—not the common upland kind of Georgia and Mississippi, but the more sought-for Sea island cotton. During the season of 1891-2 the crop of the islands was eleven thousand five hundred and one bales. The past season yielded but about twenty-one hundred bales, showing the loss sustained in this one crop on account of the storm. These products are mentioned to show that the Sea islanders in fair times are able to support themselves.

The population of these islands is forty thousand or more, depending somewhat on the season and the vigor with which the phosphate mines are

worked. The centers located at... and physicians and experts were summoned. Very soon the Red Cross had an organization nearly perfect, and was familiar with every part of the islands. Delegations of sufferers called at first to present their needs, and later to state what they could get along without. The impression at the beginning was that the Red Cross is a second edition of the old Freedmen's bureau, a distributing agency. It required six weeks to explain the character of the relief to be given, to impress it upon the sufferers.

ROAR OF SUN SPOTS.

Interesting Experiments on the Subject in This Country and England.

Nothing has been heard lately of Mr. Edison's attempt to make the roar of sun spots audible by means of an electro-magnetic device connecting the earth currents with a telephone, remarks the New York Sun. The idea was that the impulses believed to be transmitted from the sun to the earth